



- **Rep. Norma Torres’ [H.R. 927](#) – Sustainable Communities Act**
 - This bill authorizes the Secretaries of HUD and DoT to carry out a Sustainable Communities Initiative to improve regional planning efforts that integrate housing and transportation decisions, and increase the capacity to improve land use and zoning; creates Regional Integrated Planning Grants (\$100MM) to support improvements in and coordination of metropolitan-wide housing, transportation, energy, and land use planning activities; creates Community Challenge Planning Grants (\$40MM) to foster reform and reduce barriers, including through the reform of existing building codes and zoning ordinances, to achieve affordable, economically vital, and sustainable communities and discourage inefficient land use patterns. Also includes funding for research and evaluation (\$10MM) of the program.
- **Rep. Suzan DelBene’s [H.R. 3077](#) – Affordable Housing Credit Improvement Act**
 - This bipartisan bill expands and strengthens the Affordable Housing Tax Credit (i.e. Low Income Housing Tax Credit) by increasing the amount of credits allocated to each state by 50% over current levels; stabilizing the value of the 4% Affordable Housing Tax Credit; and expanding and reforming “recycling” of multifamily housing bonds. It also includes several provisions that reform the tax credit to target specific populations, including veterans, extremely low-income populations, tribe/Native American communities, rural communities, low-income students, and victims of domestic violence and stalking.
- **Rep. Scott Peters’ [H.R. 4307](#) - Build More Housing Near Transit Act**
 - This bipartisan legislation changes the rating criteria for the Federal Transit Administration’s New Starts program (light, rapid, commuter rail projects through the Capital Investment Grants program) to require housing feasibility assessments to determine how and where housing units could be built near new transit stops. The bill also prioritizes local commitment to change land use policies to accommodate market-rate and affordable housing.
- **Rep. Denny Heck’s [H.R. 4351](#) - Yes in My Backyard Act**
 - This bipartisan bill would require local governments applying for federal housing development funds through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to report whether they have enacted policies to reduce counterproductive regulations that may affect housing affordability.